THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Funds allocated to Rajasthan State for the development and maintenance of National Highways during the year2002-2003 were Rs. 93.89 crores and Rs. 33.86 crores respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Repair of NH-52

3695. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1018 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the breached portion besides most part of pits and potholes of the NH-52 remain unrepaired till March, 2003, as assured;

(b) whether the area beyond Samarajan Breach is susceptible to cut off during summer;

(c) if so, the details of the repair work done and the action taken to ensure road link during summer;

(d) whether Bailey Bridge is considered a solution in those vulnerable areas;

(e) if so, the response thereto; and

(f) the action plan finalised to strengthen, widening and protection of NH-52 during the Tenth Plan showing work-wise outlay, target fixed, allocation made and the achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Rehabilitation works of breached portion of NH-52 are in progress and are expected to be completed before next onset of monsoons. However, the potholes in the entire road stretch have since been repaired to provide a reasonable riding surface.

(b) and (c) The rehabilitation works on NH-52 beyond Samarajan by means of repair of Semi Permanent Timber bridges, making up breached portion of embankment including protection work are in advance stage of completion and are expected to be completed before onset of monsoons.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

(f) As per the Action Plan finalized for improvement of NH-52 during the Tenth Plan period, details of works already taken up/proposed to be taken up are given below:

S. No.	Works proposed	Units	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1.	Strenghening	Km.	165	137	59	—	—
2.	Widening to two lane	Km.	—	36	32	25	13
3.	Rehabilitation of SPT Bridges	Nos.	10	8	—	—	—

The above action plan is subject to availability of funds.

Construction of National Highways

3696. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Gujarat and other States where National Highways have been constructed from January 1, 2001 till date alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) the number of National Highways proposed to be constructed during the current Five Year Plan, year-wise, alongwith the amount proposed to be spent thereon;

(c) the details of the existing two-lane highways;

(d) whether Government propose to convert two-lane National Highways into four-lane; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Following National Highways have been declared in the country from January 1,2001.